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**MINUTES OF THE SIXTY-THIRD AN-
NUAL SESSION OF THE CAPE FEAR** [Free W.
ORIGINAL CONFERENCE

Held with the
CHURCH AT CORINTH, SAMPSON, CO.

November the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 1917

Officers:

Z. Taylor, Moderator, Lucama, N. C.; R. M. Parker,
Treasurer, Duke, N. C.; W. A. Jackson, Secretary,
Cooper, N. C.

The next Annual Session will convene with the
church at Shady Grove, Sampson county (12 miles S.
E. of Dunn), on Friday before the First Sunday in
November, 1918 at 11 a. m.

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STANDING COMMITTEES.

Obituaries—D. C. Johnson, S. F. Jackson, D. R. Ennis.

Temperance—W. R. Coats, W. P. Williford, W. H. Waters.

Education—J. F. Casey, J. H. Britt, J. F. Davis.

Ministerial Labor—C. J. Thomas, L. W. Warren, R. McLeod, B. P. Parks, W. H. Barnes.

Executive—W. R. Coats, W. A. Jackson, W. H. Lucas

Mission Board—J. F. Casey, C. J. Thomas.

Ordaining Council—J. F. Hill, J. F. Casey, W. R. Coats.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICE ADDRESSES.

Casey, J. F.	-----	Goldsboro, N. C.
Coats, W. R.	-----	Four Oaks, N. C.
Ennis, D. R.	-----	Duke, N. C.
Ellis, J. S.	-----	Wilson's Mills, N. C.
Futrell, E. C.	-----	Goldsboro, N. C.
Fuquay, J. W.	-----	Slocumb, N. C.
Faircloth, H. R.	-----	LaGrange, N. C.
Glover, W. R.	-----	Dunn, N. C.
Hill, J. F.	-----	Goldsboro, N. C.
Johnson, D. C.	-----	Smithfield, N. C.
McKay, E. J.	-----	Dunn, N. C.
Moore, J. W.	-----	Princeton, N. C.
Thomas, R. D.	-----	Four Oaks, N. C.
Wallace, J. R.	-----	Four Oaks, N. C.
Wilson, J. M.	-----	Keener, N. C.
Westbrook, Ezekiel	-----	Newton Grove, N. C.

LICENTIATES.

J. G. Whittenton.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- 1—Introductory Sermon.
- 2—Enrollment of Standing Committees.
- 3—Enrollment of Ordained Ministers.
- 4—Enrollment of Licentiates.
- 5—Enrolment of Churches and Delegates.
- 6—Organization.
- 7—Appointment of Temporary Committees.
- 8—Petitionary Letters.
- 9—Hand of Fellowship to Visiting Members.
- 10—Reports from Churches.
- 11—Reports from Standing Committees.
- 12—Resolutions.
- 13—Reports from Temporary Committees.
- 14—Petition for next session of Conference.
- 15—Miscellaneous Business.
- 16—Vote Taken for the sitting of the next session.
- 17—Election of Officers.
- 18—Election of delegates to other Conferences.
- 19—Arrangements of Introductory at next session.
- 20—Vote of thanks.
- 21—Adjournment.

CORINTH CHURCH

Nov. 2nd, 1917.

The sixty-third annual session of the Cape Fear (original) Free Will Baptist Conference convened with the Corinth church on the above date.

On request of the one elected at the last Conference to preach the introductory sermon, Elder E. J. McKay proceeded and preached. Text: Matthew 10-1-20. Subject: "The Sending Out of the Twelve."

One hour given for dinner.

AFTERNOON. FIRST DAY.

Conference assembled at 1:25 p. m. Songs of praise by the congregation. A repetition of the twenty-third psalm and prayer by Elder J. F. Hall.

ENROLLMENT. FIRST DAY

Officers:

Z. Taylor, Moderator.
R. M. Parker, Treasurer.
W. A. Jackson, Secretary.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Temperance—W. R. Coats.
Obituaries—D. C. Johnson, S. F. Jackson, D. R. Ennis.
Education—J. F. Casey, J. H. Britt.
Ministerial Labor—B. P. Parks, W. H. Barnes.
Executive—W. R. Coats, W. A. Jackson, W. H. Lucas.
Mission Board—J. F. Casey.
Ordaining Council—J. F. Hill, J. F. Casey, W. R.

Coats.

ORDAINED MINISTERS:

J. F. Casey, J. F. Hill, W. R. Coats, D. R. Ennis, J. S. Ellis, E. C. Futrell, (by letter) H. R. Faircloth, W. R. Glover, D. C. Johnson, J. W. Moore, J. R. Wallace, E. J. McKay.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES.

Bethel—J. S. Lee, E. M. Temple.
Corinth—G. L. Tew, W. H. Lambert, N. C. Strickland.
Casey's Chapel—I. Grant.
Daly's Chapel—Levi Carlisle, Samuel Carlisle.
Goldsboro—B. P. Parks, W. H. Brown.
Hopewell—Albert Johnson, Ransom Barbour.
Johnson Union—H. H. Underwood.
Lee's Chapel—W. B. Godwin, R. H. Strickland, D. M. Godwin.
Powhatan—W. H. Barnes, L. J. Williams.
La Grange—G. F. Williams, Mrs. Florence Anderson.
Prospect—J. C. Ennis.
Pleasant Grove—W. H. Lucas, W. C. West.
Riverside—M. C. Williford.
Robert's Grove—W. H. Carroll.
Shady Grove—D. N. Wilson, J. W. Dawson.
St. Paul—M. A. Warrick, B. J. Daughtry.
Union Spring—W. A. Gregory.
Rock Ridge—J. M. Roberts, Eddie Giles, J. D. Avery.
The Moderator calls to his assistance Elder J. F. Casey.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

Religious Exercises—G. L. Tew, W. H. Lambert, N. C. Strickland, D. R. Ennis.
Recording Text—Miss Ida Strickland.
Finance—W. H. Lucas, B. P. Parks, I. Grant.
The hand of fellowship is extended to Elder L. H. Weatherington, delegate of the Eastern Conference.
Reports from the various churches are received and read before the body. (See Statistical Table)
Committee on Religious Exercises reports to preach tonight at 7:30, Elder J. R. Wallace, open, and Elder D. C. Johnson preach. By Committee.

Elder L. H. Weatherington is called upon and responds in a very good eulogy of the Eastern Conference and other topics, viz: Missions, Education, and Free Will Baptist paper.

On motion Conference adjourned until tomorrow 9 a. m.

Benediction by Elder J. F. Casey.

SECOND DAY, NOVEMBER 3RD.

Conference reassembled according to adjournment.
Devotional exercises conducted by Elder J. R. Wallace.

Roll Call.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

ENROLLMENT, SECOND DAY.

Ministers.

Ezekiel Westbrook.

Licentiates.

J. G. Whittenton.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Ministerial Labor—C. J. Thomas.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES.

St. John—T. E. Vincent.

Oak Grove—Westbrook Lee, N. R. Lewis.

Bethel—R. E. Thomas.

Business is continued under the head of reports from churches until completed.

The following committees make their reports:

Committee on Education. (See Report).

Obituaries. (See Report).

Ministerial Labor. (See Report).

Ordaining Council. (See Report).

The Committee on Religious Exercises report to preach at 11 a. m. Elder L. H. Weatherington.

A resolution offered by Elder J. F. Casey is before the body and was adopted. (See Resolution).

On motion the Ordaining Council be appointed a committee to wait on Elder J. W. Fuquay under charge presented by the report of the committee on Ministerial labor.

A recess of one hour is given for dinner.

AFTERNOON. SECOND DAY.

Conference reassembled at 1:30.

Songs of praise by congregation.

Prayer by Elder Ezekiel Westbrook.

Petitions for the next Conference are received from Shady Grove, Oak Grove, St. Paul, Pleasant Grove.

By vote the next session will convene at Shady Grove

On motion the pastor of Shady Grove church will preach the introductory sermon.

Elder D. C. Johnson is elected alternate.

Elder J. F. Casey asks the Conference to make a free will offering to the support of Brother Lonnie Ennis who is now in school at Ayden.

The amount of \$69.68 was raised.

The orphanage situation was discussed briefly by Elders J. F. Casey and W. R. Coats.

On motion a vote of thanks be tendered this church and community for the hospitality shown during the sitting of this Conference.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reports to preach at 7:30 p. m. Elder J. F. Casey. Sunday at 10:30 a. m. Elder W. R. Coats. By Committee.

The Committee on Finance make their report. (See Report).

On motion we have 1000 copies of proceedings of this Conference printed and distributed as follows: 50 each to the Eastern, Western, and Central Conferences.

On motion the Secretary have 500 report blanks for ministers printed.

On motion the Secretary enclose with minutes a church letter.

On motion the old officers be elected by acclamation.

The following delegates are elected to the various Conferences, viz: Eastern, J. F. Casey; Central, H. R. Faircloth; Western, W. R. Coats.

On motion the treasurer be allowed to use the miscellaneous funds on hand if needed for minute fund.

On motion Conference adjourns to meet at Shady Grove on Friday, before the First Sunday in November, 1918, at 11:00 a. m.

Prayer by Elder W. R. Coats.

Z. TAYLOR, Moderator.

W. A. JACKSON, Secretary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Obituaries.

We Committee on Obituaries beg leave to submit the following report: Since our last Conference the Lord has seen fit to call from our midst Brother J. W. Byrd, a bright and promising licentiate. On account of poor health, after being licensed to preach Brother Byrd has never shown his real worth to the Conference. We feel grateful that others have not been taken off the stage of action. By committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL LABOR.

We, your Committee on Ministerial Labor report as follows: First, more than one-half of our preachers in the Cape Fear Conference, are over 60 years of age, and, although still willing, yet on account of physical weakness some of them have abandoned the work they have been doing heretofore.

Second: The younger preachers have shown great interest in the Master's work the past year, serving all the churches they could.

Third: The deportment of all is good with the exception of Elder J. W. Fuquay, who has ignored the request of your committee and also the Conference.

Fourth: We submit his case to the Conference for final action.

W. H. BARNES

B. P. PARKS.

REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

We, the Ordaining Council, submit the following report: We have examined Brother E. J. McKay and found him orthodox in the faith and practice and doctrine of the original Free Will Baptist and ask that his name be enrolled as an ordained minister.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. COATS

J. F. HILL,

J. F. CASEY,

Ordaining Council

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

We, your committee, are glad to report that we have a ministerial student at the Ayden Seminary and ask that the Conference co-operate with the Union Meeting in supporting him.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. BRITT

J. F. CASEY.

REPORT OF TREASURER AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Brought Forward From Last Year.

Home Mission	\$ 4.75
Education	2.00
Orphanage	2.00
Miscellaneous	17.89

Received at the Conference.

Home Mission	\$ 6.75
Education	36.25
Orphanage	7.75
Minutes	26.60

Total on Hand.

Home Mission	-----	\$11.50
Education	-----	38.25
Orphanage	-----	9.75
Miscellaneous	-----	17.50
Minutes	-----	26.60
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Grand Total	-----	\$103.99

R. M. PARKER, Treas.
W. H. LUCAS,
I. GRANT,
B. P. PARKS,

Committee.

TEXT USED DURING CONFERENCE

Nov. 2nd, 11:00 a. m. E. J. McKay, Mat. 10:1-20.

Nov. 2nd, 7:30 p. m. D. C. Johnson, Rom. 6:13.

Nov. 3rd, 11:00 a. m. L. H. Weatherington, Mat.
25:29.

Nov. 3rd, 7:30 p. m. J. F. Casey, 2nd Peter, 1:8.

Nov. 4th, 10:30 a. m. W. R. Coats, Acts, 3-4.

RESOLUTION BY ELDER J. F. CASEY

Resolved that the Educational Board of this Conference be allowed to co-operate with the Educational Board of the Union Meeting and if possible use the funds coming into their hands for the same purpose.

J. F. CASEY.

MINISTERS' REPORT.

MINISTERS.

	Churches Served.	Members Received	Sermons Preached.	Days in Revival.	Churches Organized.	Deacons Ordained.	Funerals Preached.	Sunday Schools Organized.	Sunday School Lectures.	Married.	Mission Points.	Missionary Societies organize	Amount Received.
Casey, J. F.	4	24	148	35	—	1	9	1	2	1	—	—	\$ 341.67
Coats, W. R.	3	40	117	44	—	—	1	1	4	—	—	—	358.00
Ennis, D. R.	4	30	136	42	1	—	2	1	2	2	1	—	255.56
Ellis, J. S.	1	1	30	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	5.00
Futrell, E. C.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fuguey, J. W.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Faircloth, H. R.	4	64	118	—	—	—	3	—	1	4	—	—	459.44
Glover, W. R.	1	106	98	12	—	—	2	—	4	—	1	—	45.25
Hill, J. F.	—	5	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	18.00
Johnson, D. C.	2	18	69	10	—	—	4	—	—	4	—	—	135.00
Moore, J. W.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Thomas, R. D.	—	—	10	6	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—
Wallace, J. R.	1	2	30	10	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Wilson, J. M.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Westbrook, Ezekiel	—	—	45	24	—	—	3	—	2	—	—	—	—
McKay, E. J.	17	52	—	—	—	2	2	—	1	1	—	—	126.00

STATISTICAL TABLE—1917.

Churches and Counties.	For Minutes.	Education.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage.	Paid Pastor.	Assistant Pastoral Service.	Miscellaneous Fund.	Sunday School Fund.	Value of Church Property.	Received.	Baptized.	Excluded.	Dismissed.	Died.	Increased.	Deceased.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Bethel, Johnston.	\$ 2.00	\$---	\$---	\$---	\$---	\$107.00	\$ 4.00	\$24.00	\$15.00	\$1000.00	16	9	--	--	214	--	--	55	77	132
Bizzell's Grove, Wayne	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Corinth, Sampson	1.00	---	---	---	---	118.00	11.00	200.00	22.00	1000.00	10	9	--	2	--	8	--	24	36	60
Casey's Chapel, Wayne	1.00	1.00	2.00	---	---	100.00	17.00	65.00	15.00	600.00	4	2	--	--	2	2	--	34	50	84
Daly's Chapel, Lenoir	1.00	7.00	1.00	---	---	102.00	20.00	86.00	---	500.00	4	4	--	2	2	4	--	23	33	56
Goldsboro, Wayne	2.00	10.00	---	---	---	137.75	8.00	216.00	110.00	2000.00	10	5	4	2	3	1	--	28	78	106
Hopevel, Johnston	3.05	---	---	---	---	157.44	---	---	---	1000.00	14	13	--	--	14	--	--	38	57	95
Johnston Union, Johnston	1.00	.50	---	---	1.00	100.00	22.00	---	30.00	900.00	3	2	1	2	--	--	--	23	47	70
LaGrange, Lenoir	1.00	.50	.50	---	1.00	50.00	50.00	65.00	20.00	3000.00	13	9	1	1	12	--	--	13	26	39
Lee's Chapel, Sampson	1.00	1.00	---	---	1.00	100.00	27.50	---	10.00	1000.00	6	5	--	1	5	--	--	55	71	126
Oak Grove	1.00	---	---	---	---	97.65	18.00	---	36.00	1000.00	18	17	--	1	16	--	--	--	--	82
Powhatan, Johnston	1.00	1.00	---	---	3.00	149.00	55.15	---	---	1000.00	10	5	--	2	1	7	--	34	56	90
Pleasant Grove, Harnett	.75	.75	.75	---	.75	75.00	20.00	.75	25.00	700.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	151
Robert's Grove, Sampson	.70	1.00	---	---	---	75.00	25.00	---	10.00	800.00	5	3	--	--	--	2	--	21	43	64
Riverside, Wayne	.50	2.00	---	---	---	72.00	13.00	80.00	5.00	600.00	13	6	--	--	112	--	--	22	38	60
Rock Ridge, Harnett	.50	1.00	---	---	1.00	---	20.00	---	---	1500.00	12	8	3	--	9	--	--	15	22	37
Shady Grove, Sampson	3.00	---	---	---	---	200.00	43.00	40.00	25.00	2000.00	14	14	5	2	2	5	--	125	266	391
St. Paul, Sampson	1.00	1.00	1.00	---	1.00	72.00	28.00	---	16.00	100.00	3	2	--	1	2	2	--	--	--	92
St. Mary's Grove Johnston	1.00	---	---	---	---	28.30	9.00	---	---	600.00	1	1	--	--	1	0	--	18	34	52
St. John, Wayne	1.00	1.00	---	---	---	65.25	13.00	14.09	3.50	1000.00	4	3	3	7	--	--	3	25	31	56
Prospect, Harnett	2.00	---	---	---	---	36.00	---	18.00	---	800.00	--	--	--	--	1	--	1	1	22	33
Union Springs, Johnston	.50	---	.25	---	---	10.75	---	---	---	100.00	--	--	--	1	--	--	1	9	16	25

CHURCH DIRECTORY—1917

Church.	Clerk.	Postoffice Address.	Pastor for 1917.
Bethel-----	R. E. Thomas-----	Four Oaks-----	D. C. Johnson-----
Bizzell's Grove-----	G. E. Edwards-----	Mount Olive-----	D. R. Ennis-----
Corinth-----	N. C. Strickland-----	Dunn-----	J. F. Casey-----
Casey's Chapel-----	Benjamin Casey-----	Goldsboro-----	H. R. Faircloth-----
Daly's Chapel-----	J. S. Wade-----	LaGrange-----	S. H. Styron-----
Goldsboro-----	L. C. Davis-----	Goldsboro-----	H. R. Faircloth-----
Hopewell-----	C. A. Wallace-----	Four Oaks-----	W. R. Coats-----
Johnson Union-----	John S. Davis-----	Wilson's Mills-----	D. R. Ennis-----
Lee's Chapel-----	W. B. Godwin-----	Dunn-----	T. J. McKay-----
Oak Grove-----	Westbrook Lee, Sr.-----	Newton Grove-----	M. R. Faircloth-----
Powhatan-----	J. M. Jones-----	Wilson's Mills-----	W. R. Glover-----
Prospect-----	R. McLeod-----	Duke-----	W. R. Coats-----
Pleasant Grove-----	W. J. West-----	Duke-----	J. F. Casey-----
Riverside-----	W. H. Martin-----	Princeton-----	D. R. Ennis-----
Robert's Grove-----	S. F. Jackson-----	Cooper-----	S. H. Styron-----
Shady Grove-----	W. A. Jackson-----	Newton Grove-----	W. R. Coats-----
St. Paul-----	J. H. Britt-----	Four Oaks-----	D. C. Johnson-----
St. Mary's-----	R. A. Coats-----	Goldsboro-----	J. F. Casey-----
St. John-----	George E. Maye-----	Benson-----	R. D. Thomas-----
Union Springs-----	W. A. Gregory-----	Coats-----	D. R. Ennis-----
Rock Ridge-----	W. A. Ennis-----	LaGrange-----	H. R. Faircloth-----
LaGrange-----	C. W. Wilson-----		